
MANCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

Manchester, Connecticut



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Grad Requirements: 2014

English	4.0 cr.
Mathematics	3.0 cr.
Social Studies	3.5 cr.
Science	2.5 cr.
Physical Education	1.25 cr.
Fine Arts or Vocational Ed.	1.5 cr.
Additional Electives	6.25 cr.
TOTAL CREDITS	22.0

The School and Staff

Manchester High School is a comprehensive high school offering curricular and co-curricular programs to approximately 1,700 students in grades 9-12. Accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and the Connecticut State Department of Education, the high school offers an extensive variety of courses to prepare students for a wide range of college and career opportunities.

Manchester High School is staffed by a dedicated and caring faculty, administration, and a cadre of support services personnel. The school employs 164 faculty members, eleven counselors, two school psychologists, three school social workers, a student advocate, twenty-four paraprofessionals, a principal and five assistant principals. Faculty members have been recognized among their achievements such as Connecticut Family Consumer Science Teacher of the Year, Connecticut Counselor of the Year, and elections to Professional Association Leadership positions. The school counseling department has been recognized as an exemplary program in the state.

Mission Statement

All students will develop the tools necessary to become productive, responsible members of society.

As a school community, we will:

- Provide all students with the highest quality education
- Continually improve practices to maximize the learning of all
- Foster partnerships among students, parents, families, school personnel and the community
- Maintain a safe inclusive school where equity is the norm and excellence is the goal

The Community

Manchester is a small thriving city in the growing eastern section of the Hartford region. Manchester occupies 27.6 square miles ten miles east of the capitol city Hartford, halfway between New York City and Boston. With a population of 56,000 Manchester has evolved into a small city which is a service, retail, employment and residential center for the eastern part of the Hartford region. Manchester has more than 1,000 acres of park land, a range of housing, attractive neighborhoods, performing arts organizations and friendly, community spirited residents.

AP Scores: May 2013

271 tests taken, 64 % had a score of 3 or better.

Test	5	4	3	2	1
Biology	1	6	16	6	1
Calculus AB	4	8	8	4	0
Calculus BC	3	2	1	1	0
Chemistry	0	4	4	3	1
English Literature	2	9	4	1	0
European History	2	0	1	1	5
Gov. & Politics US	2	3	5	6	4
Music Theory	1	1	1	0	0
Physics	1	0	2	3	3
Psychology	23	11	8	3	2
U.S. History	1	7	6	10	7
World History	3	4	16	26	13

AP Courses

- Art (Studio & 2D Design)
- Biology
- Calculus AB & BC
- Chemistry
- English Language
- English Literature
- Environmental Science
- European History
- Gov. & Politics US
- Music Theory
- Psychology
- U.S. History
- World History

AP Exam Participation

2013	
Number of Students	192
Total Tests Taken	271
Number of Subjects	12

About the Curriculum

Manchester High School offers an extensive array of programs and courses that challenge its diverse student population. Levels of study can vary to meet student needs and include Advanced Placement (AP), Honors, College Preparatory, Post Secondary Prep, General Studies and Multi-level. In addition students can enroll in cooperative programs with local colleges and universities, including the University of Connecticut, Manchester Community College, and Capitol Community College. Articulation programs are also available with area magnet schools and include the Greater Hartford Academy for Math and Science, and the Greater Hartford Academy for the Arts. English Language Learners (ELL) is a program designed to assist non-English speaking students. Manchester High School provides a wide range of elective offerings to encourage student career exploration and an avenue of developing an assortment of skills and abilities.

Block Scheduling

Manchester High School uses a partial block schedule whereby each full year course requires 126 hours of instruction. Successful completion of a full year course will yield 1.0 credit toward the student's graduation.

Class Rank

The Quality Point Average (QPA) determines a student's class rank. All courses taken within the Manchester High School curriculum are recorded. Rank in class is computed at the end of each semester and is cumulative. The cumulative rank at the end of the first semester of the senior year is the basis for naming Manchester High Scholars. Rank in class is weighted. The quality points assigned to the semester grades are used to compute class rank according to the table below.

<i>Letter Grade</i>	<i>Numerical Equivalent</i>	<i>AP</i>	<i>Honors</i>	<i>College Preparatory</i>	<i>Post Secondary Preparatory</i>	<i>General Studies</i>
A+	100-97	10.4	10.0	8.8	7.6	6.4
A	96-93	10.0	9.6	8.4	7.2	6.0
A-	92-90	9.6	9.2	8.0	6.8	5.6
B+	89-87	9.2	8.8	7.6	6.4	5.2
B	86-83	8.8	8.4	7.2	6.0	4.8
B-	82-80	8.4	8.0	6.8	5.6	4.4
C+	79-77	8.0	7.6	6.4	5.2	4.0
C	76-73	7.6	7.2	6.0	4.8	3.6
C-	72-70	7.2	6.8	5.6	4.4	3.2
D+	69-67	6.8	6.4	5.2	4.0	2.8
D	66-63	6.4	6.0	4.8	3.6	2.4
D-	62-60	6.0	5.6	4.4	3.2	2.0
F	59 & below	0	0	0	0	0

Marking System

A+ (97-100)	C- (70-72)
A (93-96)	D+ (67-69)
A- (90-92)	D (63-66)
B+ (87-89)	D- (60-62)
B (83-86)	F (0 -59)
B- (80-82)	P (Pass)
C+ (77-79)	I (Incomplete)
C (73-76)	L (Loss of Credit)

Student Body

Manchester High School has a diverse student body of 1,700 students. The demographic breakdown is as follows.

Caucasian	47%
African American	22%
Hispanic	22%
Asian	7%
Multiple	3%

<i>Class of</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2009</i>
# in Graduating Class	382	390	396	411	439
% taking SAT	66	68	70	66	57
Mean scores: Verbal	469	465	480	478	494
Mean scores: Math	459	458	472	475	479

<i>Class of</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2009</i>
% Attending 4 year College	44	44	46	41	43
% Attending 2 year College	43	43	44	48	45
% Attending other education	5	7	2	6	5
% Attending Armed Services	5	2	5	3	1
% Entering Employment	3	1	1	2	4
% Doing Other (Volunteering, etc)	1	3	2	3	2



School Counseling Department

The Manchester High School Counseling Department is comprised of two areas: Guidance Department and Student Support Center. The staff in each area strive to help all students to develop: 1) Personal and social skills, 2) An understanding of the skills and abilities needed to maximize their high school experience, and 3) A plan to prepare for life beyond Manchester High School. The service centers work cooperatively to provide a comprehensive developmental school counseling program through classroom lessons, support groups, individual counseling, large group formats and other programming as needed.

The counselors in the Guidance Department service a specific caseload of students with whom they work throughout their high school career. The counselors facilitate each student's success plan, provide academic, post secondary and personal counseling, foster career decision making, and ensure that graduation requirements are being met.

The Student Support Center provides counseling, crisis intervention, and mediation services. The center provides individual counseling services, a wide range of groups, and schedules team meetings for individual students who may require additional support to ensure success at Manchester High School.

Last Year, 87% of our graduates went on to attend either 2 year or 4 year college immediately after high school. Below is a sampling of colleges that our graduates enrolled in over the past 3 years.

Alabama State University
American Academy of Dramatic Arts
American International College
Art Institute of Atlanta
Arizona State University
Assumption College
Babson College
Bentley College
Berklee College of Music
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Briarwood College
Bucknell University
California Institute of Technology
Capitol Community College
Castleton College
Central Connecticut State University
Champlain College
Colby College
Connecticut College
Dean College
Eastern Connecticut State University
Eastman School of Music
Elms College
Endicott College
Fairfield University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Florida Institute of Technology
Fordham University
Framingham State College
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Hampton University
Hartt College of Music
Harvard University
Hobart & William Smith College
Hofstra University
Howard University

Iona University
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Johnson and Wales University
Keene State College
Kentucky Wesleyan University
Lafayette College
LeHigh University
Louisiana State College
Manchester Community College
Marist College
Mary Washington University
Massachusetts College of Art
Messiah College
Methodist University
Mitchell College
Morgan State University
New York Institute of Technology
New York University
Norfolk State University
North Carolina A&T State University
Northeastern University
Oberlin College
Penn State University
Plymouth State College
Providence College
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhode Island School of Design
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
Saint Anselm College
Saint John's University
Saint Joseph College
Smith College
Southern Connecticut State Univ.
Springfield College

Stonehill College
Suffolk University
Syracuse University
Temple
Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University
Tuskegee University
United States Air Force Academy
United States Coast Guard Academy
United States Academy - West Point
Unity College
University of Bridgeport
University of Colorado
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Hartford
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts
University of New England
University of New Hampshire
University of New Haven
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of Toronto
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
Virginia State University
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University
Washington University in St. Louis
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Western Connecticut State University
Western New England College
Wheelock College
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
York College

